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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR UR XF  
SUBJECT: SOVIET MFA OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON M.E.

1. PRIOR TO GROMYKO'S MARCH 28 LUNCHEON FOR SECRETARY,  
FSO JOHN GLASSMAN HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS M.E. WITH  
MFA N.E. COUNTRIES DEPT CHIEF, M. D. SYTENKO. DURING  
DISCUSSION SYTENKO VOLUNTEERED FOLLOWING POINTS:

--VISIT OF SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD IS NOT CERTAIN,  
ALTHOUGH SOVIETS HAVE "NO OBJECTIONS" TO VISIT AND WOULD  
LIKE HIM TO COME;

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-- VAAX GAVE NO FIXED VIEWS ON FORM OF PALESTINIAN  
REPRESENTATION AT GENEVA. SOVIETS DID NOT OPPOSE  
PLO REPRESENTATION IN JORDANIAN DELEGATION OR ANY  
OTHER SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO PLO;

--PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL (PNC) MEETING  
IN CAIRO WAS MUCH MORE MODERATE THAN LAST PREVIOUS

SESSION. FLEXIBILITY WAS SHOWN ON QUESTIONS OF  
PALESTINIAN STATE AND PARTICIPATION IN GENEVA CONFERENCE.  
COMMENT: SYTENKO PRESUMABLY MEANT PNC HAD NOT CLOSED  
ANY DOORS TO GENEVA. END COMMENT. MOST IMPORTANT  
THING WAS THAT PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP WAS NOW STABILIZED  
AND ACCEPTED BY ALL GROUPS (EXCEPT "SMALL" GROUP AROUND  
HABASH). ARAFAT ALSO HAD DEMONSTRATED BASE OF SUPPORT  
ON WEST BANK. SOVIETS WERE FULLY SATISFIED WITH ARAFAT  
AND DID NOT PREFER MORE MARXIST ORIENTED FIGURE LIKE  
HAWATIMAH;

--SOVIETS HAD TRIED TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS  
WITH SAUDI ARABIA, BUT HAD FAILED. SOVIETS FELT THEY  
HAD REASON TO CRITICIZE SAUDIS WHO WERE PURSUING "VERY  
HOSTILE POLICY";

--SADAT'S ONGOING ATTACKS ON SOVIET UNION WERE  
MORE THAN "CRITICISM." CRITICISM IMPLIED THAT THERE  
WAS SOME BASIS IN FACT FOR ACCUSATIONS MADE. SOVIET  
UNION HAD FULFILLED ALL ARMS SUPPLY AGREEMENTS WITH  
EGYPT INCLUDING THOSE CONCLUDED AT TIME OF 1973 WAR.  
SYTENKO ADDED THAT, "YOU AMERICANS MUST BE HAPPY WITH  
SADAT'S ATTACKS."  
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